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TREATMENT

OF

The Cholera in its First Stages,

*In Cases where Medical Advice cannot
immediately be procured.*



RECOMMENDED BY DR. F. JENCKEN TO HIS FRIENDS.

When diarrhoea occurs, which frequently precedes the attack of Cholera, let five drops of the aromatic opium tincture be taken twice a day, and mucilaginous beverage, and a mustard plaster be applied to the region of the stomach. The first symptoms of the incipient disease are lassitude, faintness, heaviness, disposition to vomit, frigor of the skin, diarrhoea, and giddiness; subsequently ensue vomiting of a serous fluid, spasms in the fingers and toes, calves of the legs, &c.: the face assumes a livid hue; hoarseness, suppression of urine, and depression of the pulse quickly follow. Upon the first symptom of lassitude, faintness, &c. give five drops of aromatic ammonia in a tea-spoon full of water—this can never prove injurious, even if administered without necessity.

If, after a lapse of fifteen minutes, the patient should not feel considerably better, let him go to bed, and cover his bowels and feet with bags filled with warm hops, (these should be frequently changed) and drink a cup of strong coffee with a little sugar, but without milk.

Should no improvement take place within half an hour, and the vomiting and diarrhœa increase, apply a mustard plaster to the bowels and calves, and let the five drops of aromatic ammonia be repeated : should this not procure relief, one or two of the aromatic soap pills may be taken.

Should the disease not yield within half an hour after this, give one of the liver of sulphur pills, and apply an injection of soap and water, mixed with half a drachm of camphor. In case of severe diarrhœa, use injections of dissolved potatoe-starch with the camphor, as stated above.

If oppression of the breath becomes troublesome, hold a small piece of ice to the pit of the stomach for half a minute; or, if ice cannot be procured, a piece of linen rag steeped in salmiac (*urias ammoniac*) and vinegar, and then rub the place dry with flannel : this process, and the doses of liver of sulphur pill, may be repeated every hour.

When perspiration ensues, which proves that the disease has been got under, give a table-spoon full of the acidulous draught every two or three hours, or some peppermint tea in very small quantities at a time.

I am disposed to pronounce chlorine for fumigation even injurious : it is too powerfully elementary in its operation, and does not possess a sufficiently mediative character. Coal-tar poured into an earthenware vessel, or washed over a wall, imparts a salubrious property to the surrounding atmosphere; likewise the fumes of juniper bushes and berries.

For beverage, take a weak infusion of the bilberries with sugar, or weak tea, or soda water. Fruit, particularly raspberries and currants, when moderately taken, will prove more beneficial than injurious; also of Vegetables, potatoes and fresh peas will not be found unwholesome. Of Wines, sherry may be recommended.

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Aromatic tincture of opium.

Tincturæ opii. crocat. 3jss

Olei menthæ piperitæ 3jss

S. 5 drops may be taken twice a day.

Aromatic Ammonia Drops.

Liquor ammoniæ carbqnatis 3jss

Olei menthæ piperitæ 3ss

S. 5 drops to be taken every two hours.

Sulphureti potassæ Jss

Succi glycyrrh glabræ

Pulv. acaciæ aa gr. v

f. Massa in pilulas × distribuenda.

S. Liver of sulphur pills, one pill to be taken every hour.

Saponis duri 3ss

Olei menthæ piperitæ gutt. v

f. massa in pilulas xv distribuenda.

S. Aromatic soap pills, one or two may be taken every half hour; in case the ammonia drops should not prove sufficiently effective against the colic and spasms.

Hydrarg. solubilis Hahnem. gr. j

Sachari albi gr. xv

f. pulvis, in doses 3 dividendus.

S. Mercurial powder,—to be taken three days after the attack of Cholera.

Decocti althææ ℥ vj

Elixir acidi Halleri ℥ ss

Sachari albi ℥ ss

S. Acidulous draught, 1 table spoonful to be taken every two or three hours, after the critical perspiration has taken place.

Aquæ florum Sambuci ℥ vj

Kali nitrici ℥ ss

Sachari albi ℥ jiiij

S. The nitre mixture against typhus.

Aquæ distillatæ ℥ vj

Solutionis Chlorini ℥ j

S. The chlorine mixture against typhus.

Besides ordering the above medicines to be made up, I should recommend some camphor, hops, some of the berries of the vaccinium myrtillus, (bilberries,) vinegar, mustard, and potatoe-starch, to be always kept in readiness.

Aquæ aurantii ℥ iv

Decocti corticis cinchonæ ℥ jj

Sulphatis Quinini gr. jiiij

Acidi sulphurici diluti gutt x

Extracti calami aromatici ℥ ss

S. Strengthening mixture, to commence with about eight days after the attack.